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SUBJECT: REPUBLIC OF GUINEA - DRAFT HUMAN RIGHTS COUNTRY
ACTION PLAN

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1. THE GEOGRAPHIC BUREAUS HAVE BEEN TASKED TO PREPARE
HUMAN RIGHTS EVALUATION REPORTS INCLUDING AN ASSESSMENT OF
THE CURRENT CONDITION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN EACH COUNTRY AND
THE PROPOSED OBJECTIVES AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVING
THOSE CONDITIONS.

2. THIS CABLE TRANSMITS THE DESK'S DRAFT REPORT FOR YOUR
COMMENTS. YOUR RESPONSE IS REQUESTED BY SEPTEMBER 9.

3. THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE COUNTRY EVALUATION WILL
BE CLASSIFIED IN ACCORDANCE WITH EXECUTIVE ORDER 11652.
REPORTS WILL BE USED AS SOURCE MATERIAL FOR PREPARATION OF
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ANNUAL HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTS ON ALL COUNTRIES WHICH ARE RE-
CIPIENTS OF US SECURITY ASSISTANCE, AND WILL BE SUBMITTED TO
THE DEPARTMENT'S HUMAN RIGHTS COORDINATING COMMITTEE,
CHAIRMANED BY THE DEPUTY SECRETARY.

4. DRAFT PLAN
CONDITION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN GUINEA.

1. RESPECT FOR THE INTEGRITY OF THE PERSON, INCLUDING
FREEDOM FROM:

A) TORTURE: TORTURE HAS BEEN USED UNDER TOP LEVEL SANCTION WHEN TAILORED CONFESSIONS ARE REQUIRED. THE MOST RECENT INSTANCES ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE INDUCED THE "CONFESSIONS" ISSUING FROM THE SUMMER 1976 PURGE. NOT ONLY GUINEANS BUT FOREIGNERS HAVE BEEN TORTURED. THE FRENCHMAN JEAN PAUL ALATA'S BOOK "AFRICAN PRISONS" DESCRIBES TORTURE IN DETAIL DURING THE EARLY 1970'S.

B) CRUEL, INHUMAN OR DEGRADING PUNISHMENT: PRISON CONDITIONS ARE SAID TO BE BARELY TOLERABLE. THOSE FORCED TO CONFESS TO POLITICAL CRIMES ARE PUBLICLY DENOUNCED. PUBLIC FLOGGING AND THE DEATH PENALTY FOR THIEVERY OR MISDEMEANORS ARE NOT UNCOMMON.

C) ARBITRARY ARREST OR IMPRISONMENT: THE GOVERNMENT MAINTAINS CONTROL BY OCCASIONAL PURGES OF THOSE SUSPECTED OF PLOTTING AGAINST THE REGIME. PUBLIC OFFICIALS LIVE IN FEAR OF DETENTION AND TORTURE. THE NUMBER OF POLITICAL PRISONERS IS CURRENTLY ESTIMATED AT SOME 2,500 TO 3,000 AND INCLUDES MANY FORMER SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND SOME FOREIGNERS. THE GUINEAN OFFICIAL GAZETTE ANNOUNCED THE RELEASE OF 128 PRISONERS IN SEPTEMBER 1976 AND 150 MORE IN JANUARY 1977. THESE APPARENTLY INCLUDED POLITICAL
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PRISONERS. AN ADDITIONAL 80 PRISONERS WERE REPORTEDLY RELEASED DURING THE MAY 14 CELEBRATION OF THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GUINEAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY. THESE 80 REPORTEDLY INCLUDED 8 POLITICAL PRISONERS. ON MAY 4 FOUR FORMER U.S. AMBASSADORS AND ONE FORMER ASSISTANT SECRETARY CABLED PRESIDENT SEKOU TOURE URGING AN AMNESTY FOR POLITICAL PRISONERS ON THE ABOVE CELEBRATION. THE INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS HAS SUBMITTED A COMPLAINT ABOUT GUINEA TO THE UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION. THE DOCUMENT IS ON BEHALF OF FRENCH CITIZENS IMPRISONED BETWEEN 1970 AND 1975 AND SEVERAL HUNDRED IMPRISONED GUINEANS.

D) DENIAL OF PUBLIC FAIR TRIAL: FAIR PUBLIC TRIALS ARE CONSISTENTLY DENIED. THE ACCUSED IS USUALLY PRESUMED GUILTY AND FORCED TO CONFESS OR SIMPLY PUNISHED. CONSTITUTIONAL AND REGULATORY PROVISIONS FOR JUDICIAL PROCEDURES EXIST BUT THEY ARE LARGELY IGNORED.

E) INVASION OF THE HOME: GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES DO NOT HESITATE TO ENTER HOMES IN PURSUIT OF SUSPECTS. PROPERTY

OF POLITICAL PRISONERS, INCLUDING THEIR HOMES, IS OFTEN CONFISCATED OR TURNED OVER TO OTHERS, FORCING THEIR RELATIVES TO LIVE ELSEWHERE.

2. RESPECT FOR CIVIL AND POLITICAL LIBERTIES:

A) FREEDOM OF THOUGHT, RELIGION AND ASSEMBLY: THE GOVERNMENT ACTIVELY SUPPRESSES DISSENT. DESPITE OFFICIAL POLICIES AGAINST RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, THE GOVERNMENT IN LATE 1976 BEGAN A CAMPAIGN TO HARASS MEMBERS OF THE FOULAH TRIBE. MANY WERE ARRESTED OR REMOVED FROM GOVERNMENT POSITIONS. ISLAM IS ENCOURAGED, AND CHRISTIANITY TOLERATED ON A SMALL SCALE. THE GOVERNMENT IS BELIEVED TO HAVE AN EXTENSIVE NETWORK OF INFORMERS WHICH INHIBITS
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THE EXPRESSION OF UNORTHODOX THOUGHTS EXCEPT TO CLOSE FRIENDS.

B) FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT WITHIN A COUNTRY, FOREIGN TRAVEL AND EMIGRATION POLICIES: MOVEMENT IS CONTROLLED BY AN EXTENSIVE POLICE AND PAPERWORK SYSTEM. LEGAL ENTRY INTO AND EXIT FROM THE COUNTRY IS DIFFICULT. HOWEVER, THE BORDERS ARE POROUS AND MORE THAN ONE MILLION GUINEANS ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE FLED SINCE 1958 BECAUSE OF POLITICAL REPRESSION AND/OR DEPRESSED ECONOMIC CONDITIONS.

C) DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES INSURING THE FREEDOM TO PARTICIPATE IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS: THE PEOPLE ARE REGULARLY EXHORTED TO ADHERE TO A CONTINUING "REVOLUTION". THERE IS NO FREEDOM TO DISSENT OR NOT PARTICIPATE IN REGIME-DIRECTED POLITICAL ACTIVITY WHICH PERMEATES MOST ASPECTS OF ECONOMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE LIFE.

3. RECENT TRENDS IN GOVERNMENTAL POLICIES RELATING TO FULFILLMENT OF BASIC NEEDS FOR FOOD, SHELTER, HEALTH CARE AND EDUCATION:

A) POLICIES DESIGNED TO RESPOND TO THE NEEDS OF THE POOR: GOVERNMENT POLICY SINCERELY IS DIRECTED TOWARDS IMPROVING THE WELL-BEING OF THE PEOPLE. AN ATTEMPT IS MADE TO IMPROVE FOOD PRODUCTION, HEALTH AND EDUCATION. IDEOLOGY IS THE PREDOMINANT DETERMINANT IN PUBLIC POLICY FORMATION, HOWEVER, AND FREQUENTLY DISRUPTS THE RATIONAL PLANNING OF THE TECHNOCRATS.

POLICIES WHICH TEND TO IGNORE THE NEEDS OF THE POOR: GOVERNMENT POLICIES ARE APPLIED WITH IDEOLOGICAL RIGIDITY.

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AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION CAMPAIGNS FAIL BECAUSE OF LACK OF PROFIT INCENTIVES. THE REPRESSIVE POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE AND LIMITED CONTACT WITH THE OUTSIDE WORLD HAS DISCOURAGED DEVELOPMENT OF ADEQUATE HOUSING, EDUCATION AND HEALTH CARE. EXTENSIVE POLITICAL CONTROL OF THE ECONOMY GOES HAND IN HAND WITH USING SCARCE RESOURCES TO REWARD THE POLITICALLY LOYAL. AN UNREALISTIC EXCHANGE RATE DISCOURAGES FOREIGN TRADE.

B) CORRUPTION OF SUCH A NATURE THAT SIGNIFICANT RESOURCES ARE DIVERTED TOWARDS THE NATION'S ELITES AND AWAY FROM THE MAJORITY OF THE POPULATION: CORRUPTION IS BELIEVED TO OCCUR BUT IS DIFFICULT TO DOCUMENT AND RELATIVELY INSIGNIFICANT GIVEN THE SORRY STATE OF THE ECONOMY AND THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE POLICE. PRESIDENT TOURE'S LIFE STYLE IS AUSTERE IN COMPARISON TO HIS FELLOW AFRICAN LEADERS.

4. LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR FOREGOING HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD:

A) EXTENT TO WHICH POSITIVE HUMAN RIGHTS MEASURES ARE ARTICULATED AS PUBLIC POLICY: THE REGIME THINKS OF HUMAN RIGHTS PRIMARILY IN TERMS OF FREEDOM FROM CAPITALIST DOMINATION. WESTERN CONCEPTS OF HUMAN RIGHTS ARE SCORNE AS IMPERIALIST, AND SUBJUGATING. HOWEVER, IN DISCUSSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS THE GUINEANS HAVE CITED THEIR CONSTITUTION WHICH GUARANTEES FREEDOM OF CONSCIENCE, SPEECH, PRESS, ASSEMBLY BALLOT, PARLIAMENT, LABOR UNION, ACTION, ASSOCIATION, DEMONSTRATION AND CORRESPONDENCE. (THESE RIGHTS ARE VALID ONLY UNDER CONDITIONS PRESCRIBED BY LAW.) THE CONSTITUTION ALSO BANS ARBITRARY ARRESTS AND VIOLATION OF DOMICILES. THE GUINEANS HAVE ACKNOWLEDGED TAKING REPRESSIVE MEASURES BUT JUSTIFIED THEM AS ACTIONS AGAINST "WAR CRIMINALS."

B) EXTENT TO WHICH HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS ARE CONDONED

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AS PUBLIC POLICY BECAUSE OF SECURITY OR OTHER JUSTIFICATIONS: THE GOVERNMENT CONTINUALLY STRESSES SECURITY THREATS AS JUSTIFICATION FOR ITS VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS. ALTHOUGH THERE IS INTERNAL OPPOSITION TO THE GOVERNMENT, A FALL 1976 STUDY PARTICIPATED IN BY VARIOUS ELEMENTS OF THE U.S. INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY CONCLUDED THAT THERE IS NO EXTERNAL SECURITY THREAT TO GUINEA. THE

GOVERNMENT ALSO JUSTIFIES HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS ON THE GROUNDS OF PROTECTING THE "REVOLUTION", I.E. FORCING THE PEOPLE TO ADHERE TO THE GOVERNMENT POLICIES BASED ON TOURE'S SOCIAL, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC THEORIES.

5. WILLINGNESS AND PAST RECORD OF THE GOVERNMENT REGARDING INDEPENDENT, OUTSIDE INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGED HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS: IN THE PAST, GUINEA HAS NOT ALLOWED SUCH INVESTIGATIONS. INFORMATION WHICH HAS LEAKED OUT THROUGH RELATIVES OF POLITICAL PRISONERS, EXILES AND RELEASED POLITICAL PRISONERS FORMS THE BASIS OF REPORTS SUCH AS THAT THE ILHR SUBMITTED TO THE UNHRC. THE PRIME MINISTER RECENTLY TOLD US THAT GUINEA WOULD BE PREPARED TO RECEIVE A DELEGATION TO OBSERVE THE HUMANITARIAN NATURE OF THE REGIME, AND IT IS POSSIBLE THAT GUINEA MAY BE PREPARED TO IMPROVE ITS RECORD, PARTICULARLY IF AN IMPROVEMENT CAN LEAD TO TANGIBLE BENEFITS.

ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. LEGITIMATE OBJECTIVES OVER THE NEXT THREE TO TWELVE MONTHS IN RELATION TO IMPROVING CONDITIONS IN GUINEA WITH REGARD TO THE ABOVE CATEGORIES.

(1) RESPECT FOR INTEGRITY OF THE PERSON.

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OBJECTIVE: ENCOURAGE BETTER TREATMENT AND CONTINUED RELEASE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS AND DISCOURAGE THE USE OF TORTURE AND ARBITRARY ARREST.

IMPORTANCE: THIS ADDRESSES THE MAJOR HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN GUINEA.

FEASIBILITY: THE GUINEAN PRIME MINISTER HAS OFFERED TO ACCEPT A DELEGATION TO LOOK INTO THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN GUINEA. IT IS NOT CLEAR WHAT A DELEGATION WOULD BE ALLOWED TO DO - WHETHER IT COULD VISIT PRISONERS OR DETENTION SITES FOR EXAMPLE. BUT SUCH A DELEGATION COULD CLARIFY THE POLITICAL PRISONER SOLUTION IN GUINEA AND MIGHT ENCOURAGE THE GOVERNMENT TO RELEASE PRISONERS OR IMPROVE THEIR TREATMENT.

U.S. LEVERAGE: THE GUINEANS HAVE REQUESTED ADDITIONAL PL-480. WE WILL SEEK TO RESPOND POSITIVELY IF RESOURCES PERMIT IN THE CONTEXT OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S STATEMENT THAT THE SOVIET RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHTS HAVE BEEN TERMINATED AND THAT A HUMAN RIGHTS DELEGATION WOULD BE ACCEPTED. THE GUINEANS HAVE ALSO REQUESTED "COAST GUARD CUTTERS."

WE ARE NOT CLEAR AS TO WHAT THE GUINEANS WANT BUT BELIEVE THAT PROVISION OF THE "CUTTERS" COULD BE JUSTIFIED IN THE CONTEXT OF IMPROVED GUINEAN PERFORMANCE ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND AS AN INCENTIVE TO IMPROVE GUINEA'S HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD BY REMOVING ONE OF GUINEA'S SECURITY CONCERNS. IT WOULD ALSO HELP TO ASSURE TERMINATION OF THE SOVIET RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHTS.

LIKELY INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT: IVORY COAST AND SENEGAL HAVE SEVERELY STRAINED RELATIONS WITH GUINEA AND HAVE RECENTLY BECOME MEMBERS OF THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION. IN THE UNLIKELY EVENT THAT THE ILHR COMPLAINT REACHES THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, THEY MIGHT BE OF SOME ASSISTANCE. THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE RED CROSS MIGHT SEND A DELEGATION TO LOOK INTO THE HUMAN RIGHTS SECRET

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SITUATION IN GUINEA. THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT HAS RECENTLY SUPPRESSED A BOOK DESCRIBING PRISON CONDITIONS IN GUINEA BUT MAINTAINS SOME INTEREST IN MODERATING GUINEA HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICES.

OPTIONS:

A) RESPOND TO THE GUINEAN PRIME MINISTER'S OFFER TO ACCEPT A DELEGATION IN GUINEA TO LOOK INTO THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION BY CONTACTING THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE RED CROSS TO SEE IF IT WOULD BE INTERESTED IN SENDING A DELEGATION TO GUINEA. ENCOURAGE GUINEA, WITH ICRC CONCURRENCE, TO ACCEPT THE DELEGATION.

B) EXPLORE FURTHER THE GUINEAN REQUEST FOR "COAST GUARD CUTTERS" WHILE INDICATING THAT CONTINUED DENIAL OF THE SOVIET RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHTS AND IMPROVED PERFORMANCE IN HUMAN RIGHTS WILL WEIGH HEAVILY IN OUR FINAL DECISION.

C) STAND READY AT THE NEXT UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MEETING TO SUPPORT A THOROUGH STUDY AND INVESTIGATION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN GUINEA.

D) SEEK TO BE RESPONSIVE TO THE CURRENT REQUEST FOR PL-480 AND EXAMINE FURTHER PL-480 OR ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE REQUESTS IN THE LIGHT OF SUBSEQUENT PERFORMANCE ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND DENIAL OF THE SOVIET FLIGHTS.

(2) RESPECT FOR CIVIL AND POLITICAL LIBERTIES.

OBJECTIVE: THE CONSIDERATIONS SURROUNDING THIS ASPECT OF HUMAN RIGHTS ARE ESSENTIALLY THE SAME AS FOR OBJECTIVE ONE. INITIATIVES IN THIS AREA SHOULD AWAIT THE RESULT OF SECRET

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INITIATIVES FOR OBJECTIVE ONE.

(3) BASIC NEEDS FOR FOOD, SHELTER, HEALTH CARE AND EDUCATION.

OBJECTIVE: TO PERSUADE THE GOVERNMENT OF GUINEA TO ADOPT MORE RATIONAL ECONOMIC POLICIES TO PURSUE ITS DESIRE TO HELP ITS PEOPLE.

IMPORTANCE: THIS IS SIGNIFICANT BECAUSE THE GUINEAN PEOPLE COULD BE MUCH BETTER OFF. GUINEA IS RICH IN NATURAL RESOURCES.

FEASIBILITY: THE IMF AND IBRD HAVE TRIED TO TALK ECONOMIC SENSE TO GUINEA WITH LITTLE SUCCESS. SEKOU TOURE IS WEDDED TO HIS SOCIAL IDEAS AND THE ECONOMIC SYSTEM HAS BEEN USED TO MAINTAIN POLITICAL LOYALTY. RECENTLY, HOWEVER, THE PRESIDENT URGED PRIVATE INITIATIVE AND CAPITAL TO PLAY A GREATER ROLE IN THE ECONOMY.

U.S. LEVERAGE: OUR LEVERAGE IS LIMITED BECAUSE OF OUR LIMITED ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS TO GUINEA. OUR PRIMARY FORM OF LEVERAGE IS PL-480 BECAUSE GUINEA IS A CHRONIC FOOD DEFICIT COUNTRY. OUR ONE MODEST AGRICULTURAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT GIVES VERY LIMITED LEVERAGE. GUINEA IS INTERESTED IN INCREASED INVESTMENT SINCE PRIVATE U.S.-PARTICIPATION IN BAUXITE MINING OPERATIONS IN GUINEA HAS PROVED VERY SUCCESSFUL.

LIKELY INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT: FRANCE AND GERMANY HAVE SHOWN INTEREST IN IMPROVING ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH GUINEA. IFI'S WISH TO ASSIST GUINEA BUT DO NOT WISH TO BE ENCUMBERED BY HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEMS.

OPTIONS:

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A) SEEK TO BE RESPONSIVE TO GUINEA'S PL-480 REQUESTS IN THE LIGHT OF SUBSEQUENT PERFORMANCE ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND DENIAL OF THE SOVIET FLIGHTS.

B) CONTINUE TO FACILITATE U.S. PRIVATE INDUSTRY INTEREST IN INVESTMENT IN GUINEA.

C) PRIVATELY AND BILATERALLY DISCUSS WITH GUINEA WAYS TO MORE EFFICIENTLY IMPROVE THE WELFARE OF ITS PEOPLE.

D) CONTINUE OUR MODEST AGRICULTURAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT. AGREE TO CONSIDER OTHER PROJECTS THAT BENEFIT THE NEEDY.

E) INFORM GUINEA THAT OUR VOTES ON LOANS IN INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS WILL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD OF THE RECIPIENT. APPROVE SUCH LOANS ON THE BASIS OF CONTINUED IMPROVEMENT OF GUINEA'S HUMAN RIGHTS PERFORMANCE.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. WE SHOULD ACT ALONG THE LINES OF THE OPTIONS CITED ABOVE IN A COORDINATED MANNER SO AS TO ENCOURAGE GUINEA'S APPARENT DESIRE TO MEET OUR CONCERNS ON HUMAN RIGHTS. PARTICULARLY FOR OBJECTIVE 1, AN ACROSS THE BOARD RESPONSE ON THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFER TO RECEIVE A DELEGATION, THE REQUEST FOR "COAST GUARD CUTTERS" AND THE REQUEST FOR PL-480 COMMODITIES, IS NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN THE MOMENTUM OF IMPROVEMENT IN OUR RELATIONS WITH GUINEA WHICH INCLUDES THE POSSIBILITY OF AN IMPROVEMENT IN GUINEA'S HUMAN RIGHTS PERFORMANCE. ONLY IF GUINEA SHOWS NO SIGNS OF IMPROVEMENT IN HUMAN RIGHTS SHOULD WE NOT CONTINUE TO BE RESPONSIVE TO THESE REQUESTS. FOR OBJECTIVE 3 THE COURSES OF ACTION

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SUGGESTED SUPPORT A HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY WHICH ATTEMPTS TO IMPROVE THE WELFARE OF GUINEA'S PEOPLE RATHER THAN MAKE THEM PAY THE PRICE OF THEIR GOVERNMENT'S ERRORS.

2. PRINCIPAL REACTIONS IN HOST COUNTRY TO NEW U.S. HUMAN RIGHTS POLICIES AND EMBASSY ACTIONS OR PROPOSED ACTIONS IN SUPPORT OF THESE POLICIES: GUINEA IS WELL AWARE OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S NEW HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY. ONE OBJECTIVE OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFER TO RECEIVE A HUMAN RIGHTS DELEGATION WAS TO DEAL WITH OUR CONCERN ABOUT THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN GUINEA. SEKOU TOURE, HOWEVER IS PRIMARILY CONCERNED WITH SECURITY. TOURE HAS RELEASED POLITICAL PRISONERS IN THE PAST AND SUBSEQUENTLY CONDUCTED POLITICAL PURGES. TOURE REACTED STRONGLY TO THE ILHR COMPLAINT, CLAIMING THAT IT WAS THE WORK OF WESTERN INTELLIGENCE AGENTS AND SLANDER BY GUINEA'S ENEMIES. THE PRIME MINISTER REFLECTED TOURE'S VIEWS BY DEFENDING GUINEA'S ACTIONS ON INTERNAL SECURITY GROUNDS.

3. IMPLICATIONS OF THE REACTIONS IN ITEM 2 ABOVE FOR POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE CHANGES IN HUMAN RIGHTS CONDITIONS: THE OUTLOOK FOR A CHANGE IN HUMAN RIGHTS CONDITIONS IN

GUINEA IS UNCERTAIN. THE GUINEAN REACTION TO OUR EFFORTS TO INSPIRE AN ICRC DELEGATION PROBABLY WILL GIVE A GOOD INDICATION OF THE PROSPECTS FOR ANY FUTURE CHANGE.

4. A. IMPACT OF ACTIONS OF PROPOSED ACTIONS ON U.S. POLICY INTERESTS: IN VIEW OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S APPARENTLY COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE, OUR EFFORT TO IMPROVE HUMAN RIGHTS CONDITIONS IN GUINEA SEEMS COMPLEMENTARY TO OUR EFFORT TO END THE SOVIET FLIGHTS. TO THE EXTENT THAT THE GUINEANS ARE NOT COOPERATIVE IN IMPROVING HUMAN RIGHTS CONDITIONS IT WILL BE MORE DIFFICULT FOR US TO OFFER INCENTIVES, PARTICULARLY THE REQUESTED "COAST GUARD CUTTERS," IN AN EFFORT TO ASSURE THAT THEY WILL CONTINUE NOT TO ALLOW THE SOVIET FLIGHTS. U.S. BUSINESS INTERESTS HAVE
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A MAJOR INTEREST IN BAUXITE MINING OPERATIONS IN GUINEA

AND ARE ALSO INTERESTED IN IRON ORE MINING OPERATIONS. GUINEA IS UNLIKELY TO INTERFERE WITH THESE ASPECTS OF OUR RELATIONSHIP SHOULD WE RUN INTO DIFFICULTY ON HUMAN RIGHTS. FAILURE OF GUINEA TO IMPROVE ON HUMAN RIGHTS COULD AFFECT OUR VOTE ON LOANS BY INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS WHICH COULD EFFECT FINANCING OF U.S. INVESTMENTS IN GUINEA.

B. LIKELIHOOD OF HOST GOVERNMENT SUPPORTING U.S. EFFORTS TO PROMOTE HUMAN RIGHTS THROUGH GOVERNMENTAL AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS: IN VIEW OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES CITED ABOVE THIS APPROACH IS NOT RECOMMENDED AT THIS TIME.

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